

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method comprising:

- 5            identifying a content provider;  
             identifying a service wherein the service corresponds with the content  
provider;  
             forming a service record within a service registry wherein the service  
record represents the service; and  
10           allowing a content user to discover the service through the service  
registry.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising associating content with  
the service through a content record.

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3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising associating a genre with  
the service through a genre record.

4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising identifying a protocol  
20 associated with the service through an engagement record.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the service includes one of a  
document, an image, audio data, and video data.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the allowing further comprising checking access rights of the content user.

7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising selectively notifying the  
5 content user of the service via a recipient list.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the recipient list contains at least one content user.

10 9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising authenticating an identity of the content provider.

10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising adding a content record within the service registry wherein the content record is associated with a  
15 particular content.

11. The method according to claim 1, further comprising storing the service record within the service registry.

20 12. A method comprising:  
    identifying a content user;  
    allowing the content user to discover a service within a service registry  
wherein the service corresponds with a content provider; and

displaying a content record associated with a content corresponding to the service wherein the content record provides parameter information relating to the content.

5    13. The method according to claim 12, further comprising authenticating an identity of the content user.

14. The method according to claim 12, further comprising searching for the content record through a genre record, wherein the genre record corresponds to  
10    the service.

15. The method according to claim 12, further comprising identifying a protocol associated with the service through an engagement record.

15    16. The method according to claim 12, wherein the service includes one of a document, an image, audio data, and video data.

17. The method according to claim 12, further comprising checking access rights of the content user prior to allowing the content user to discover the service.

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18. The method according to claim 12, further comprising selectively notifying the content user of the service via a recipient list.

19. The method according to claim 12, further comprising storing the service record within the service registry.

20. A method comprising:

5        identifying a registry system, wherein the registry system includes a plurality of records wherein each record represents a service;

          searching for a service within the registry system based on a search criteria; and

          displaying at least one record in response to the search criteria.

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21. The method according to claim 20, wherein the search criteria is a protocol supported by the service.

22. The method according to claim 20, wherein the search criteria is a content  
15        description describing the service.

23. The method according to claim 20, wherein the search criteria is a genre type describing a category of the service.

20        24. A registry system comprising:

          a storage module configured for storing a provider record and a service record wherein,

the provider record represents a content provider and a  
service associated with the content provider and

the service record represents the service associated with the  
content provider; and

5 a control module configured for selectively allowing access to the provider  
record and the service record based on access rights of a content user.

25. The system according to claim 24, wherein the service record includes a  
10 protocol type for identifying at least one protocol supported by the service.

26. The system according to claim 25, wherein the protocol includes one of  
UPnP, HTP, and RTP.

15 27. The system according to claim 24, wherein the storage module is configured  
for storing a recipient list wherein the recipient list identifies at least one content  
user for receiving a notification of the service.

28. The system according to claim 24, wherein the storage module is configured  
20 for storing the access rights wherein the access rights identify an allowed content  
user with permission to access the service.

29. The system according to claim 24, wherein the storage module is configured for storing a genre record for describing a category of the service.

30. A method comprising the acts of:

- 5            identifying a content provider;  
             identifying a service wherein the service corresponds with the content  
provider;  
             forming a service record within a service registry wherein the service  
record represents the service; and  
10           allowing a content user to discover the service through the service  
registry.

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